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Former CIA Chief Says U.S. Lags in Meeting Subversion

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Allen Dulles, former chief of the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency, said Thursday that America is "morally, materially, militarily the superior of the USSR."

But, warned the noted government figure, "It is chiefly in meeting the Communist 'subversive threat' to the Free World that we lag."

Dulles spoke at Sacramento State College on "The Role of Intelligence in Our National Security." His lecture was sponsored by the California State College Statewide Lecture Series.

WRITING LECTURING

Currently serving as a member of the Warren Commission investigating the assassination of President Kennedy, Dulles has devoted much of his time in recent months to writing and lecturing. His latest speaking tour is accompanied by promotion of his recently published book, "The Craft of Intelligence."

Dulles was director of the CIA from 1953 to 1962.

He said he believes that while the U. S. is prepared for the military menace of communism, "we have misjudged and have inadequately prepared to meet the threat of communism, particularly its subversive threat to the world about us, especially in the newly developing areas of the world."

CIA HISTORY

The former diplomat outlined the history and the functions of the CIA and also detailed the Soviet policy of today and its "apparatus of cold war."

Dulles said the role of U. S. intelligence is to discover the

Soviets' prime and priority targets, penetrate their apparatus and uncover key elements in each subversive plot. He said the publicity should be arranged regarding subversion where appropriate but through overt channels.

Dulles concluded that the U. S. has forced the enemy underground but is as yet not united or prepared to give the necessary effort to meet the underground warfare.

ANOTHER WEAPON

"We cannot use the military weapons and manpower we have acquired at the cost of hundreds of billions," Dulles said. "But we have not forged all the weapons we need—and could acquire at a small percentage of this cost—including increased support of approved intelligence counter-subversive operations."

At a brief press conference earlier Thursday, Dulles explained why he believes America is lagging behind Russia in intelligence maneuvers.

"They have this built-in apparatus on which they can build," he said. "They have a world-wide Communist Party. We don't have anything comparable. Their Communist trade unions in France, Italy and Indonesia are the strongest trade unions in those countries."

"If the Communist want to start a strike in those countries all they have to do is give the word."

The former CIA chief said the United States has "lagged in the overall analysis of the danger."

He also said the CIA has been asked to do too much and there hasn't been enough "central government work against it on all levels."

While emphasizing the danger of Communist subversion and the need for America to find means to combat it, Dulles was equally emphatic in his scorn of extremist groups as a method of fighting Communism.

BIRCHERS AID REDS

"I have no use whatsoever for the John Birch Society," said Dulles. "Any form of Birchism or McCarthyism is nothing more than an aid to communism because of the extremes to which it goes."

Dulles said a "lot of honest and sincere people" are "diluted" by the Birch Society.

Asked what he thought prompted the rise of extremist groups, Dulles laid the cause to frustration. "People realize something should be done about communism but they don't know what to do."

Dulles said the Peace Corps is an excellent influence in other countries facing the Communist threat. He emphasized that America does not face the danger of Communism to nearly as great a degree as other countries.

He added that much of the fight against Communism "has to be left to government action." He said the CIA has made great progress in its 15 years of existence but said more action from other government sources is needed.

Dulles, brother of the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, dismissed criticism that the CIA is an entirely secret organization with very few checks and balances.

HAS CHECKS

"It is in part a secret organization but it does have checks and balances," Dulles said. He noted he had appeared before Senate committees and sub-committees on countless occasions during his time as head of the CIA.

Dulles said he believes the Warren Commission will unveil a report which will be fully documented and supported with facts that will put people's mind to rest, "concerning the assassination of President Kennedy."

He said he realized that countless rumors and stories regarding communist plots and such have swept the country since the assassination.

'HATE GROUPS'

Regarding accusations from some sources that the far right element and so-called "hate groups" must take blame for the President's death, Dulles said this is one of the points the commission will deal with.

He defended President Johnson's appointment of Earl Warren, chief justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, as head of the investigating commission.

Dulles said he believed that Johnson felt Warren's part in heading the commission will lend added importance and impact to the final report on the assassination.

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